

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Roger NOEL	)	Confirmation No.: 7999
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Application No.: 10/533,873	)	Group Art Unit: 3721
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Filed: May 19, 2006	)	Examiner: Nathaniel C. Chukwurah
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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING	)	
ROCK DRILLING	)	

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's statement because it does not accurately reflect the claim language in any one claim. Applicant respectfully asserts that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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